

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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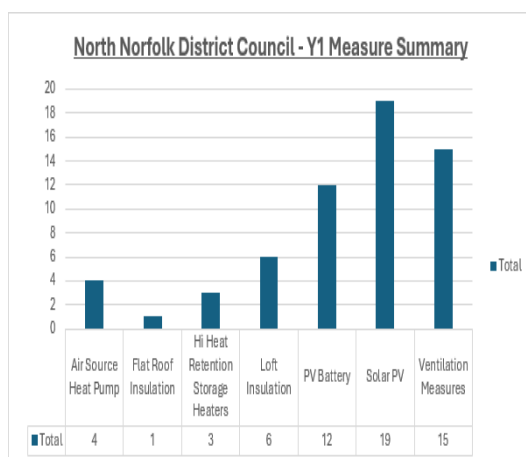
COUNCILLOR ADAM VARLEY - CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE

For the period April – May 2026

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Warm Homes : Local Grant

Norfolk Warm Homes (consortia of five district councils) was awarded £1,428,640.67 in 25/26 to help residents to escape fuel poverty and decarbonise their heating. Of this, £364,315.47 (26%) has been spent providing twenty north Norfolk households with air source heat pumps, insulation, solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and batteries and ventilation measures.



“Compared to our old heating system, the air source heat pump has made a huge difference, our home has got proper heating and hot water now.”

Mariusz, Stalham resident

Funding continues into year two with some postcodes in Stalham and North Walsham ‘auto-qualifying’ subject to property suitability. For more details see [Norfolk Warm Homes](#) or contact energy@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Scheme 4 flex

In 25/26 the Council administered 151 applications to this scheme, which under the statement of intent allows the expansion of the eligibility criteria for ECO to include residents who have a health condition exacerbated by cold and damp. This provides fully funded heating upgrades, insulation and solar PV to help vulnerable residents lower their bills and decarbonise their homes.

Although this scheme has received no new funding for 26/27 the team will continue to support ongoing applications until the scheme closes in December.

Solar Installation

The beginning of April saw a full year of working with our solar PV partner - Make My House Green, which:

- Offers a free solar calculator and consultation
- Uses local MCS Accredited installers
- Offers North Norfolk residents a £500 discount
- Has a 4.5 star customer rating on Trustpilot

Over the year:

- the free solar assessment tool has reached nearly 700 north Norfolk residents
- seventeen households have completed solar panel installations with a further seventeen installations currently in progress
- 16,022 kg of carbon dioxide (equivalent) saved to-date, with an ongoing annual 28,078 kg estimated carbon reduction in installed homes
- £20,432 customer savings achieved so far with a predicted ongoing £37,551 annual savings from installed systems.

Electrical Vehicle Charging Points

New chargers have been installed at the Victory Swim and Fitness Centre. These have been funded using a government grant through the Norfolk County Council “Plug In Norfolk” Scheme. Further charge points are due to be installed in East Runton, Mundesley and Overstrand over the summer.



2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

- Promotion of energy saving grants and technology at further public events
- Launch of Norfolk home energy hub in conjunction with the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership [Home Page - Home Energy Hub Norfolk](#)

3 Meetings attended